

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, December 11, 2006.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

God of Goodness and Truth, at the beginning of a new workweek we pause to pray for Your guidance and direction in addressing today's legislative, public policy and personal matters. Help us to evaluate accurately and to understand correctly the complex issues which come before us. Inspire us to make reasoned, not merely emotional, choices and decisions in our role as elected leaders. Teach us to be fair, patient and compassionate as we listen to the needs of people. May we continue our common struggle to build safe, peaceful, prosperous and stable family life in our communities.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Petrolati), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Tom
O'Neill.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Kaprielian of Watertown) congratulating Tom O'Neill on his retirement as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Mount Auburn Hospital;

Marilyn L.
Travinski.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kujawski of Webster and other members of the House) commending Marilyn L. Travinski; and

Karen L.
MacNutt.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Vallee of Franklin) honoring Lieutenant Colonel Karen L. MacNutt on her retirement from the Massachusetts Army National Guard;

Mrs. Harkins of Needham, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mrs. Paulsen of Belmont, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Florida,
property
tax.

By Mr. Bosley of North Adams, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5364) of Daniel E. Bosley (by vote of the town) relative to the payment in lieu of taxes by a certain electric generation facility in the town of Florida; and

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By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5365) of Daniel E. Bosley (by vote of the town) relative to the payment in lieu of taxes by a certain electric generation facility in the town of Monroe;

Monroe,
property
tax.

Severally to the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing creditable service for Richard Spicer (House, No. 5359) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Richard
Spicer,
creditable
service.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to justices of the peace (House, No. 661) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Justices of
the peace.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill relative to the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (see House bill printed in House, No. 5237), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Bonds,
issuance.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 12 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Relative to the issuance of pension funding bonds by the city of Quincy (see Senate, No. 2414);

Bills
enacted.

Regulating exemptions for cooperative corporations under the Community Preservation Act (see Senate, No. 2725);

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Designating December 15 as bill of rights day (see House, No. 4600);

Bills
enacted.

Providing increased benefits to the surviving minor dependents of (see House, No. 4998);

Authorizing the town of Belmont to establish an other postemployment benefits trust fund (see House, No. 5076);

Exempting Jeffrey L. Beohner and John Zaccari from the maximum age requirement for applying for civil service appointment as a police officer in the town of Methuen (see House, No. 5318); and

Relative to credit unions (see House, No. 5357);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third
reading
bills.

Senate bills

Relative to the vacation accrual rate of Donald J. Castle, an employee of the Trial Court (Senate, No. 2105); and

Increasing the number of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages in the city of Boston (printed as House, No. 5341) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

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House bills

Authorizing the town of Belmont to place a certain question relative to the sale of all alcoholic beverages on the town's election ballot (House, No. 5273);

Clarifying the retirement status of a disabled Norwood police officer (House, No. 5327) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Paula Phelan, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Industrial Accidents (House, No. 5339);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Second
reading
bill.

The House Bill relative to fire safety in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4894) was read a second time; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Order.

Next
sitting.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty-seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.